

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

KICHUL LEE; et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, Attorney  
General of the United States; et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. C04-449L

ORDER SCHEDULING FAIRNESS  
HEARING PURSUANT TO RULE 23(e)

The parties have reached a settlement in this matter which the parties believe is fair, reasonable, and adequate. On November 21, 2005, the Court preliminarily approved the settlement, ordered notice to the class, and provided an opportunity for interested parties to object to the terms of the settlement. The Court has received over twenty written submissions from individuals who had their naturalization applications denied. None of the submissions raises any substantive objection to the terms of the proposed settlement. Rather, the authors generally seek relief under the settlement via reconsideration of their previously denied applications.

A hearing (the "Settlement Hearing") shall be held before this Court on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at 11:00 a.m., at the United States District Court for the Western District

1 of Washington, U.S. Courthouse, 700 Stewart Street, Seattle, Washington, to determine  
2 whether the proposed settlement on the terms and conditions set forth in Attachment A to the  
3 Joint Motion for Order for Notice and Fairness Hearing Pursuant to Rule 23(e)  
4 (Dkt. # 150-2) is fair, reasonable and adequate to the class and whether it should be approved  
5 by the Court. Although members of the class are welcome to attend the Settlement Hearing,  
6 attendance is not required in order to have a case reopened or otherwise to participate in the  
7 settlement. Individual applications will not be reviewed, considered, or adjudicated at this  
8 hearing.  
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11 The parties shall, on or before January 27, 2006, file in the above-captioned matter all  
12 memoranda, declarations, and exhibits they would like the Court to consider in preparation  
13 for the Settlement Hearing as well as any stipulations and/or proposed orders for relief. The  
14 Clerk of Court shall mail a copy of this order and the attached notice to all of the  
15 unrepresented "petitioners" listed in the Court's docket.  
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20 Dated this 20th day of January, 2006.

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23 United States District Judge  
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